

REMARKS

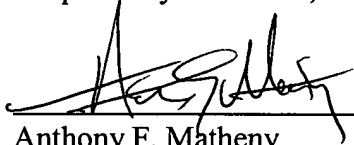
Applicant requests amendment of the specification to be consistent with the amended specification of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/047,763, the parent patent application to the present continuation patent application. Applicant also requests amendment of the claims of the present application as set forth above.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. In order to expedite the examination of this application, Applicant requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (713) 220-4168 to discuss any matters that can be resolved by telephone.

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